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SUBJECT: REPORTED BEATING OF AMERICANS IN PUSAN DURING DEMONSTRATION OVER BLUE HOUSE BUGGING INCIDENT

1. RICHARD C. PACKARD, SENIOR COUNSEL OF PPG INDUSTRIES, HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE ABOUT WELFARE OF HIS SON, NICHOLAS, A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER ASSIGNED TO PUSAN. MR. PACKARD SAID THAT HIS SON AND ANOTHER VOLUNTEER WERE BEATEN IN APRIL BY A GROUP OF ABOUT 20 PERSONS DEMONSTRATING AGAINST ALLEGED BLUE HOUSE BUGGING. NICHOLAS SUFFERED CONCUSSION AND BROKEN HAND, BUT HAS REPORTEDLY RECOVERED FROM INJURIES.

2. PACKARD SAID THAT HIS SON HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM SCHOOL WHERE HE HAD BEEN TEACHING TO DUTIES AT CULTURAL CENTER PUSAN AS RESULT OF INCIDENT AND THAT PEACE CORPS WASHINGTON HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM ON SON'S SITUATION BY PHONE. HE SAID THAT SON IS CURRENTLY IN SEOUL AND THAT
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HE EXPECTS CALL FROM PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR KOREA AND SON EVENING OF JUNE 9, WASHINGTON TIME. HE IS NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT SON MAY STILL BE SUBJECT TO HARASSMENT OR POTENTIAL PHYSICAL HARM, AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER'S ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION TO SUPPLEMENT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM PEACE CORPS, WITH WHICH HE IS

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NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED.

3. FYI: MR. PACKARD SAID THAT PEACE CORPS OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON TOLD HIM THAT TWO VOLUNTEERS AND FULBRIGHT GRANTEE WERE INJURED IN INCIDENT. END FYI.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ON PUSAN INCIDENT, PARTICULARLY WHETHER BEATING ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE DURING ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATION AS ALLEGED. VANCE

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